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- ☐ Someone watered outdoors between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- ☐ Someone washed their car with potable (drinking) water
- ☐ Someone cleaned the driveway, sidewalk, or patio with a hose
- ☐ Your sprinkler system needs repair or adjustment
- ☐ Water flowed into the gutter from your property

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*These rules apply to the use of potable (drinking) water,  
not gray water (used water from baths, sinks) or recycled water*

1. **Be cool - water when it's coolest. Outdoor watering hours are restricted to before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. and on two designated days when using the sprinkler system.**
  - Odd numbered addresses – Mondays & Thursdays
  - Even numbered addresses – Tuesdays & Fridays
2. **Be trendy - use gray water to wash your car, take it to a commercial car wash, or leave it dirty.** No car washing with potable water.
3. **Be local – use community pools or the beach.** No refilling residential pools/spas more than one foot and no initial filling with potable water, except when existing pools are drained to repair leaks.
4. **Be quick - fix leaks as soon as possible.**
5. **Be in control - don't let water flow into gutters or streets.**
6. **Be a sharp shooter - with automatic shut-off nozzles on hoses.**

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